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Hello, all –

Below is an update on a couple of Duwamish projects...

Carbon Amendment

Region 10 EPA, Ecology and the Lower Duwamish Waterway Group (LDWG -- the Port of Seattle, City of Seattle, King County, and The Boeing Company) signed an amendment to their legal agreement to study contamination in the Lower Duwamish Waterway (LDW) on July 17, 2014. This amendment calls for a pilot study using carbon amendment -- adding a mixed carbon and sand layer in some areas of waterway. Studies at other Superfund Sites have shown that the carbon binds to contaminants like PCBs and makes them less toxic to marine organisms and less likely to accumulate in fish and shellfish. The purpose of this pilot study is to evaluate the effectiveness and potential impacts of using this kind of treatment technology in the LDW, as well as the areas best suited for this technology. Planning for the pilot study has begun, and the pilot tests will be conducted in the LDW in 2016. If pilot tests prove successful, carbon amendment could be used in areas with relatively low levels of contamination. Contact Allison Hiltner: hiltner.allison@epa.gov or Julie Congdon: congdon.julie@epa.gov for more information about this project.

Jorgensen Forge

The Jorgensen Forge Early Action Area cleanup is underway. The in-water dredging begins this week. Dredged sediments will be barged to the Pacific Pile and Marine facility in South Park, where they will be loaded on to trucks for transport to a landfill. Prior to the project, Region 10 EPA met with both the South Park Neighborhood Association and Georgetown Community Council to brief each on the cleanup, and provided Community Health and Safety Plans to those attending. Region 10 EPA has also provided information about the project, including copies of the Community and Health and Safety Plan, to South Park Marina. Region 10 EPA is also coordinating with the City of Seattle on their plans to install a bike lane on Portland Avenue to minimize impacts to the South Park community from both projects. Currently, Region 10 EPA has only authorized Pacific Pile and Marine to dredge until sunset (approximately 9 PM right now), although they may request night work if the schedule falls behind. Region 10 EPA will notify the communities of any night work, especially the South Park Marina, given their proximity to the cleanup. Contact Rebecca Chu: chu.rebecca@epa.gov or Julie Congdon: congdon.julie@epa.gov for more information about this project.

Fishers Study


The City of Seattle, King County, Port of Seattle and The Boeing Company are performing the Fishers Study as part of the Lower Duwamish Waterway Superfund Cleanup. The Environmental Coalition of South Seattle (ECOSS) is performing the surveys and interviews. The pilot phase of the Fishers Study has begun. More information can be found here.
http://www.epa.gov/region10/pdf/sites/ldw/ldw_fishers_study_fs_jun_2014.pdf

Crowley Marine Services

The Washington Department of Ecology invites comment during two public comment periods on the

Crowley Marine Services 8th Avenue South cleanup site. The site is located on the Lower Duwamish Waterway. The public comments periods are as follows:

- July 18-August 1, 2014: State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) for a proposed Interim (partial cleanup) Action
- August 2 – September 2, 2014: Interim Action Work Plan and Amended Agreed Order

For more information contact Victoria Sutton: 425.649.7219 : Victoria.Sutton@ecy.wa.gov.

The site webpage is: <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=2520>

Thank you.



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